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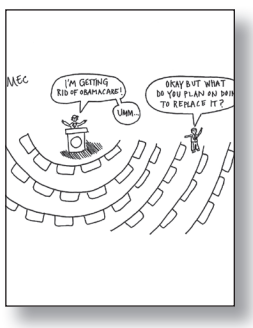

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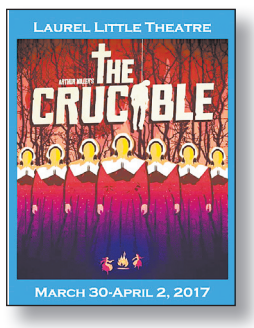

LLT introduces version of 'The Crucible'

Laurel Little Theatre will present "The Crucible" March 30-April 2. Based on the play by Arthur Miller, this show was first on Broadway in 1953, where it won the Tony Award for best play. Miller, winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, wrote "The Crucible" in 1952. It has recently returned to Broadway and received a Tony Award nomination for Best Revival of a play.
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JCJC Lady Bobcats are on the prowl

Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats cannot be stopped. The Lady Bobcats started their season on the right foot by blowing out Southern Alabama.

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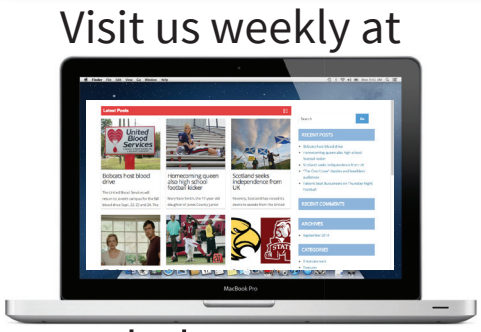

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Alcohol: is it worth it?

The month of April raises national awareness for alcohol abuse

NATALIE BUCKLEY
NEWS EDITOR

The Radionian is recognizing April as Alcohol Awareness Month to inform JCJC students about the dangers of underage drinking.

If most college students are under the legal drinking age, how do they manage to get their hands on alcohol?

Although most college students are underage, many still find ways to obtain alcohol, despite the potential consequences. Some students may get other students or people they know that are over 21 to buy them alcohol, while others buy fake IDs to purchase it themselves or go to parties where it is provided. Fewer students use the "shoulder tapping" method, where students ask overage strangers to buy them alcohol, according to the Journal of Drug Education.

"I have seen many students with fake IDs that they use to buy alcohol," said an anonymous sophomore at Jones County Junior College. "They either have fakes, get someone else to buy it or they just don't get ID'd."

The Mississippi Department of Revenue states that if a minor is found with alcohol in Mississippi, he or she can be fined $500, serve 30 days of community service and/or have his or her license suspended for 90 days.

About two-thirds of college students admitted to using a fake ID to buy alcohol at least once in college, as reported by LiveScience.com. Fake ID's may be common among college students, but many students may not realize the consequences that come with being caught with one. According to IdentityHawk.com, people caught with fake ID's can be charged with identity theft. In Mississippi, a person caught with a fake ID can be fined up to $500 and face 30 days of community service, while a person caught supplying a

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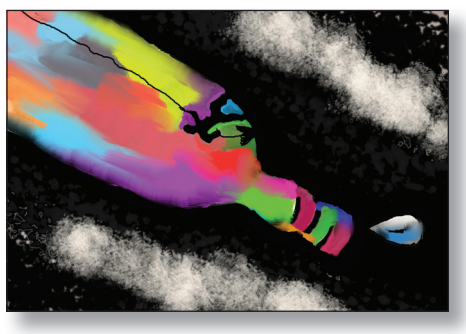

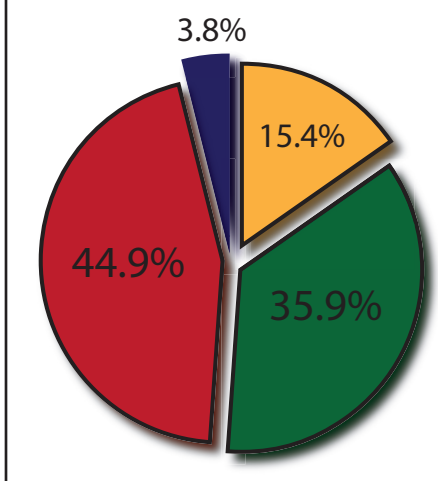

Students help with tornado relief

MEGAN BREWER
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 21, an EF3 tornado ripped through local communities, damaging anything in its path and taking the homes of many. William Carey University and a strip mall in Petal were severely damaged, along with homes in the surrounding area. Jones County Junior College students stepped up to help in the aftermath.

JCJC's Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Student Union, Phi Theta Kappa, other athletic teams, and several individual students volunteered. Many JCJC students are residents of Hattiesburg or Petal. Whether their homes were damaged or they lived in the area, they still reached out to help their community.

JCJC sophomore and Petal resident Broc Hinton was one of those volunteers. He began his volunteering with his church the Sunday after the initial devastation. He spent several hours both that day and the following Monday helping clean up. He assisted in clearing debris from piles that were once homes in Sun Circle.

"There used to be homes here. There used to be businesses here, and now there is nothing," said Hinton. "Seeing a smile on the faces of those who we helped made me feel really good."

Benjamin Stiglets, Gulfport native and JCJC pitcher, was another volunteer. Baseball coach Chris Kirtland asked the team who would like to volunteer for cleanup. Stiglets was one of the many who volunteered. The teams' focus was behind William Carey's campus. While the campus's damage is repairable, the neighborhood behind it was completely devastated.

"I wasn't expecting damage like this. I was expecting–yeah–a few houses destroyed and power lines down, but nothing like what we saw. And the sad thing is that people were still trying to live in the structures that were once their homes," said Stiglets.

Stiglets and the rest of the team spent their time handing out water and food

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SGA members Matthew Breland and Brandy McGill help with clean up in Petal after the EF3 tornado that damaged parts of Petal and Hattiesburg. PHOTO SUBMITTED

First phase of pedestrian plaza construction nears completion

KARLY JONES
STAFF WRITER

Workers finish up the final construction of the new plaza in front of the C.L. Neill Student Center. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

A pedestrian plaza is a new edition to Jones County Junior College's campus. Located in front of the C.L. Neill Student Center, the plaza is something that will be very different for students and faculty.

The Neel-Schaffer design is being paid for by a Mississippi Department of Transportation grant given to the school worth $416,400. The overall construction is aimed toward better pedestrian safety of students. The plaza includes brick pavers, landscaping, seat walls, a fountain and a large school logo located in the center of the brick.

Michael Bradshaw, director of campus operations, is ready for the renovating to be complete. Beginning construction in October 2016, it is estimated that the plaza will be completed by the end of February.

Regarding any challenges with construction of the plaza, "Doing the project during the semester as opposed to the summer, we had to reroute pedestrian traffic and try to keep fences and barricades in place," said Bradshaw.

Bradshaw had hoped to begin construction last summer, but it was delayed due to paperwork, causing it to be rescheduled for fall 2016.

"The Mississippi Department of Transportation is proud to partner with JCJC on this important pathway project on campus," said Tom King, the southern district transportation commissioner at the Department of Transportation, during a campus visit last year to announce the plaza. "Projects like this one greatly improve the quality of life on college campuses, and we are honored to assist with making this project a reality."

Although the construction in front of the C.L. Neill Student Center is almost complete, that doesn't include everything. Once it is finished, that will conclude phase one. The next phase will be a continuation of brick pavers located on Dan Jones Memorial Drive near the library.

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Student Success Center introduces new academic coaching program

A JCJC student talks to academic coaches (l-r, starting from bottom left) Gwen Matuszewski, Ashley Holifield, Melanie James and Mark Prine. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

BRANDON HUSSEY
STAFF WRITER

Academic Coaching Programs are making their way across campuses nationwide to guide students along a path of personal growth, and at the beginning of this semester, Jones County Junior College adopted their own Academic Coaching program that is set to be in full swing by next year.

There are four academic coaches at JCJC. They are Melanie James, Mark Prine, Gwen Matuszewski and Ashley Holifield. The four are located in the Student Success Center.

"Our number one goal is that each of our students succeed. That's our focus," said Holifield.

This program follows a strength-based approach and helps students identify which areas need improvement in order to achieve academic success. It often includes training to improve study skills, time management, organization, career planning, and much more but is tailored to the individual student's needs. Academic coaches will

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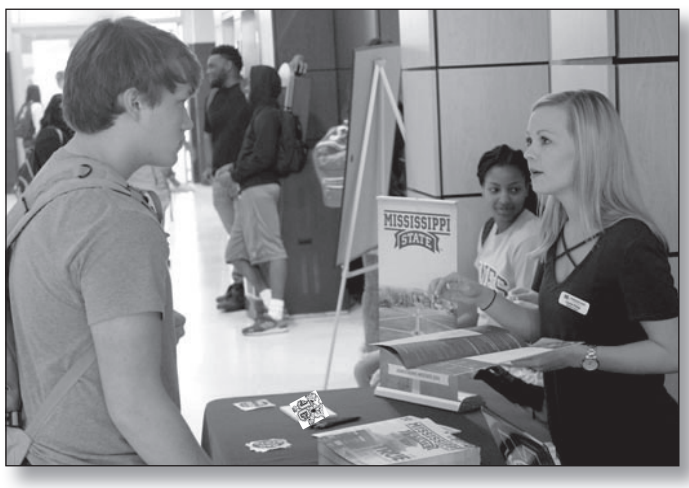

A Mississippi State representative informs Jacob Chandler about the transfer process. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

JCJC holds Spring Transfer Week

ROBERT MCGEE
STAFF WRITER

The 2017 Transfer Week is happening now, and with that, lots of opportunities for students who plan to transfer.

Transfer Week, Feb. 27 – March 3, will be held on the first floor of Jones hall 9 a.m. - noon. This week provides a special opportunity for students to participate in one-on-one sessions with university representatives. These representatives will cover several topics, including financial aid, course transfers, admission policies, and programs offered.

Each institution has its own rules and regulations. As of right now, most universities offer three ways for a student to transfer. They can either earn their Associates degree with a minimum 2.0 GPA, complete 30 hours with a minimum 2.0 Cumulative GPA, or meet the requirement for an entering freshman.

Twenty universities and agencies will be in

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JCJC presents annual Black History event

SAM HOUSTON
STAFF WRITER

Each year at Jones County Junior College, a speaker comes to inspire and challenge the students and faculty who attend the Black History program.

This year, the keynote speaker was Rosalind Howard, the current executive director for the Mississippi Nurses Foundation. Howard brought a challenge to the attendees of the event: write one's own history.

She encouraged everyone in attendance to remember everyone who helped them get to where they are today, whether they helped in a big or small way. She referred to these people as bridges.

Howard explained that people's lives can be bridges for others to cross. What that means is that the things we do today and the difference we make today can open up a world of freedom and opportunity for someone else tomorrow. She gave

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Rosalind Howard speaks to JCJC students and faculty about creating one's own history. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

Students travel to college campuses

WILLIAM LOWERY
STAFF WRITER

At the end of this semester, most academic sophomore students at Jones County Junior College will graduate and move on to a university, but selecting the right college might be challenging for some students. Fortunately, campus visits, whether set up by the school or done on one's personal time, allow students an opportunity to decide their next destination after junior college.

"A campus tour is a key part in deciding which college is fit for you," said Kisha Jones, counselor at the Student Success Center. "It gives you the opportunity to view the college, allow you time to meet with faculty and students and also allow time for questions concerning admission, financial aid, campus housing, and campus activities."

Jones also explains that what a person reads in a brochure or online about a school does not give them an accurate idea of their environment, like a campus visit would. This method has proven to be beneficial for many students, as it provides them more confidence in their choice of college or university. Additionally, it also allows students to inspect living accommodations, as some

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Representative speaks to Honors College

NATALIE BUCKLEY
NEWS EDITOR

Representative Noah Sanford informs students about the state government and legislation. PHOTO BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

The House of Representatives of Mississippi in Jackson is made up of 122 representatives that each stand for about 24,322 people in the state. Representative Noah Sanford, who spoke to students of the Honors College on Feb. 21, represents District 90, or the Covington, Jefferson Davis and Simpson counties.

Sanford attended Seminary High School, and graduated from Jones County Junior College, the University of Mississippi with a history major and Southern culture studies minor, and the University of Mississippi School of Law.

Sanford explained to students of the Honors College how each person in the House of Representatives of Mississippi represents a different district within the state. He also described the hierarchy of powers within the state government and how they work to pass laws.

He was elected at the age of 25, one of the youngest Republicans to be elected into the state House of Representatives. The particular seat he was

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Editorial

Alcohol abuse affects many

Alcohol abuse is a serious issue that is prevalent in today's society, and it can lead to addiction. Even if a student does not personally suffer from addiction, one likely has a family member or close friend who does.

While many college students want to see alcohol as harmless, a way to have fun or a way to relax, there is a dark side known to many. Some students have to cope with their parents' or other family member's addictions, causing children to take on adult responsibilities at a much too young age. Children should not have to take care of parents; parents should take care of children.

Parents, however, are not the only ones who drink. Many teenagers have friends that enjoy attending parties and consuming alcohol. The responsible friend is forced to take care of the irresponsible friend.

Not all teenagers attend parties with the intention of drinking, but alcohol can be a dangerous temptation in terms of peer pressure. Over-consumption is a leading cause of addiction. People feel the "buzz" accompanied with drinking alcohol and desire to repeat the experience. Consequently, people consume copious amounts and, without realization, an addiction can develop.

How can colleges battle the ongoing issue of alcohol abuse, which leads to addiction? By strict rules and regulations. Colleges require precautions such as curfews and periodic dorm checks. Curfews prevent students from entering his or her room during the early hours of the morning. Dorm evaluations allow the college to confiscate any alcohol or dangerous substance from students' rooms. Counselors are available upon request for students seeking help with any form of addiction.

JCJC is an alcohol and tobacco-free campus. The well-being of students is of utmost importance. Students are entitled to his or her own opinion; however, the "Radionian" promotes safe and responsible choices.

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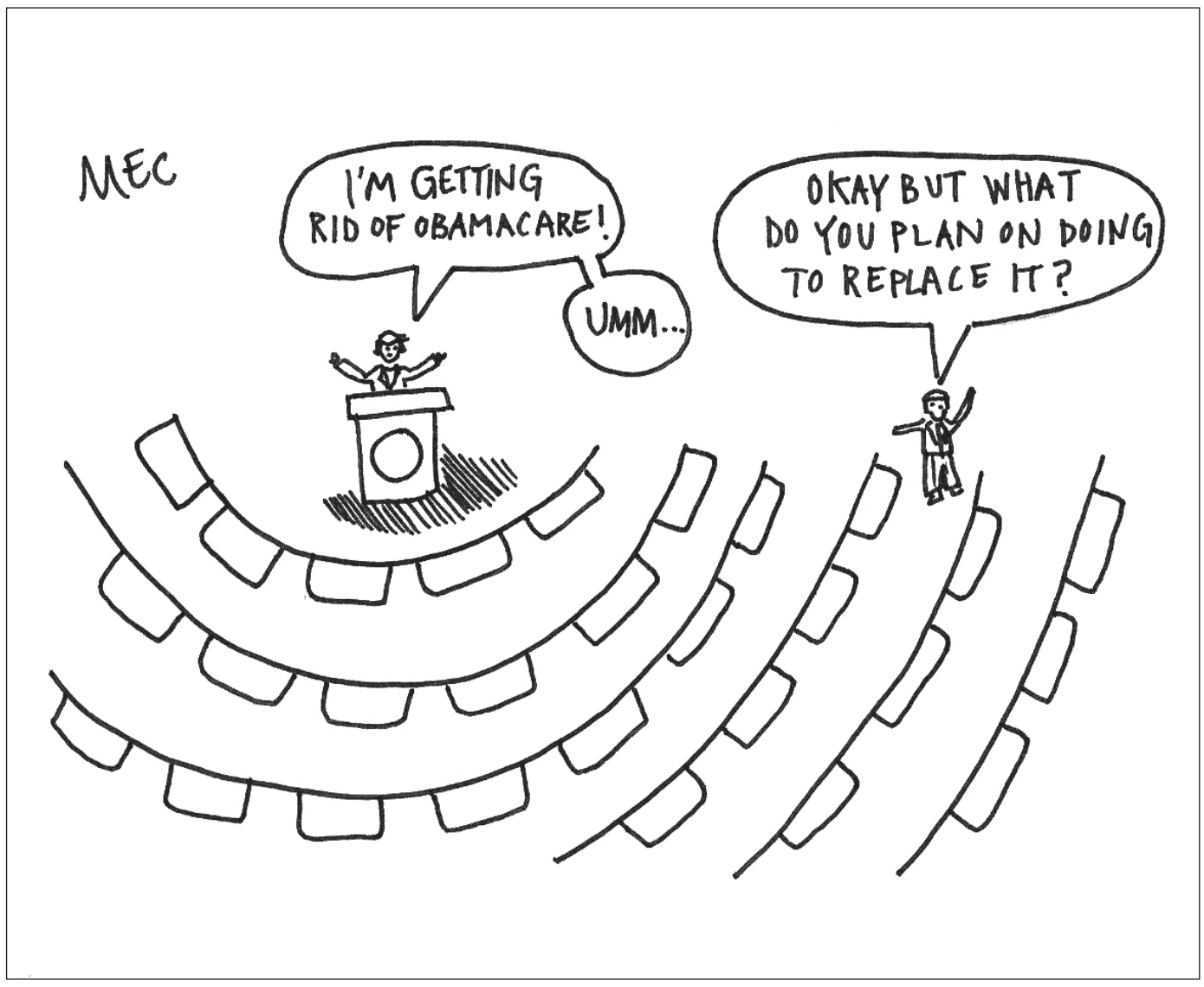

People: mind your own business

Rebellious Rants
by Natalie Buckley

Today's society revels in the personal lives of people. Every day, people almost worship celebrities, and others become jealous from the popularity or allure of some on social media.

Social media has become the center of the borderline obsession that people have with each other. Twitter, for example, is full of people who thrive on the smallest every day events and details of others' lives. Actor and fashion icon Jaden Smith, who posts messages such as "That Moment When You Throw Up. . ." and "I Broke My Toe," has 6.11 million followers on Twitter.

While some use Twitter to notify their followers of upcoming events, minute-by-minute updates of news, bits of humor or encouraging words, too many use the social media platform as a place to display their random thoughts or segments of too much information. Most people in today's society, however, crave this pointless information and spend their daily lives keeping up with other people instead of themselves.

This unhealthy behavior sometimes carries over into everyday life, causing

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New president brings new reforms

PURELY POLITICAL
by Ge'Randall Horne

Since March of 2010, the American people have been able to afford health care because of former President Barack Obama's healthcare plan "The Affordable care Act," also known as Obamacare. Obama created a plan that could help everyone that needs health care, but with a new president comes new reforms. President Donald Trump made it very clear that one of his first goals is to rid the United States of Obamacare.

Like many have done in the past, people are disagreeing with the president's decision. Most of the American public believe that he should have a backup plan before he decides to get rid of anything. Trump is putting the finishing touches on an Obamacare replacement plan that aims to provide "insurance for everybody," according to The Washington Post. Also, he will demand that drug companies negotiate directly with Medicare and Medicaid and lower their prices, saying they will no longer be "politically protected."

Trump did not reveal any details of how he plans to accomplish this daunting task, noting that he is waiting for his health secretary nominee, Tom Price, to be confirmed.

However, after nearly seven years of vowing to repeal Obamacare, Republicans are fracturing

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ACT should not measure our intelligence

BETHANY MORRIS
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

Prior to 1959, the SAT was the only national standardized college entrance test. An increased interest of students pursuing higher education caused more and more universities to increase enrollment, therefore, they needed another standardized college entrance exam. The American College Testing Program (ACT) was created in 1959 to address this need.

The ACT has expanded its programs and services since its debut. The ACT consists of four individual tests: English, math, reading and science reasoning. The score report for the Enhanced ACT Assessment includes a composite score for each individual test, and sub scores. There is also an optional writing test.

According to www.fairtest.org, the ACT has long-standing problems of bias, inaccuracy and misuse. Because of these flaws, the ACT should not be required in the college admissions process. The ACT is, in theory, supposed to show college admission committees that a student is ready for the next step in

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A nation divided: Trump's inauguration

ALYSA HERRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 20, Donald Trump was sworn in as the president of the United States. To some, this is probably the best thing to happen to American citizens, and to others, it is the complete opposite.

First of all, the inauguration itself was a sight to behold. It had performers such as 3 Doors Down, Toby Keith and Lee Greenwood perform before Trump's big inauguration day. Chairmen of the Presidential Inaugural Committee Tom Barrack said in a news release, "Above all, it will serve as tribute to one of our greatest attributes, the peaceful transition of partisan power." After the performance, the inauguration itself took place. Many people stated it was the biggest crowd for an inauguration since President Obama's first inauguration. However, others said differently, with

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E-books and textbooks affect the classroom

BRITTANY THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

Textbooks are becoming a thing of the past as e-books find their way into schools. With the exception of a few classes such as science labs or a literature class, JCJC classes have an e-book. E-books are an electronic version of textbooks, which can be found in Canvas and can be downloaded onto a phone or computer for offline use.

The difference between textbooks and e-books is more than technology. Textbooks can wipe a wallet clean as some of them cost as much as $100 or more. However, e-books are only a fraction of the cost of traditional textbooks and are included in tuition. Out of pocket spending for expensive textbooks is no longer necessary. Bookstore lines are reduced now that courses have e-books.

Textbooks can be heavy to carry around campus all day long, especially if classes are on the second or third floor of a building. Along with books being heavy, one could forget a book at home or in the dorm. If a class book is available as an e-book, then all books are one's phone at all times. With books accessible from a phone or laptop, they will always be available for class.

For kinesthetic learners, having a physical copy of a book helps them learn

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SGA invites students to join JCJC activities

KATELYN WILLIAMSON
FEATURES EDITOR

At JCJC, the Student Government Association is not just a club where one pays dues and sits in meetings next to unfamiliar faces. SGA is all about maximizing the social aspect of college and getting to know the personalities that make up the college.

"Students should join because they can step outside his or her comfort zone, come in contact with new people, make a difference at JCJC and feel like they are really part of their school," said sophomore Ericka Ingram.

Membership dues for students are only $5 or $15 if he or she wants an SGA t-shirt along with registration. Meetings are typically held on the last Friday of every month to discuss fundraising, organizing events and welcoming new members.

"Other students should become involved and take the opportunity to present their ideas to SGA so that Jones can be a better college than it was when they first arrived," said sophomore Alex Hinton.

Spring events sponsored by SGA this year included Bobcat speed dating, which was held in the Union Feb. 13 and included a preplanned questionnaire to ensure that the process was interesting and not just an exchange of awkward silence. Other events included the Random Acts of Kindness Day, held Feb. 17 and a formal Mardi Gras ball which took place Feb. 21.

Upcoming events for the spring are the town hall meeting which is open to all students and will be held March 7, beatnik bobcats which is scheduled for March 21 and human hungry hippos on March 28. However, one of the most anticipated events is the April 29 Splash of Color 5k Fun Run which became the largest 5k in Jones County last year with a total of 300 participants. It costs $18 for students, faculty and Pinebelt Pacers and $22 for all others who register by April 1. Those who register from April 1-25 will be charged $25 to participate, and anyone who chooses to pay the day of the run will be charged $30.

Marcie Napier, Mary Kate Smith, Rylee Sullivan, Rachel Martin, Abbey Graham and Kelly Stubbington from the JCJC women's soccer team run the "Bobcat Dash" obstacle course set up by SGA. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SONYA DYKES

"I will definitely be looking forward to being at the Splash of Color Run this year because Sabrina Sagers and I are in charge of this event," said Hinton.

SGA also hosts other events in the fall like Fall Freeze Week, SGA Zombie Run, the Halloween dance and much more. In addition, the organization meets in the student section during basketball and football seasons to cheer on Bobcat athletes.

"I never knew how many events were on campus. SGA opened a whole new world for me," said SGA Senator Robia Bobbett.

Whether it is cheering, dancing, volunteering, fundraising or running a 5K, SGA welcomes every Bobcat to join the fun. Students can pick up a registration packet from Sonya Dykes in her office, which is attached to the Student Success Center. Membership costs $5 or $15 if one wishes to receive and SGA t-shirt upon joining.

"I have not only made new friends by joining, but I have also made quality friends that I have grown so close to in my past two years here," said Hinton.

"I benefited greatly by joining because of the lifelong connections and friendships I have made through being part of the activities and attending SGA events," said Ingram.

Jones has a special place for early learners

BETHANY MORRIS
BOBCAT PRESS EDITOR

As if balancing the responsibilities of homework and studying for tests in college is not stressful enough, imagine being a mother during this time. Kasey Logan and Raegan Seymore are JCJC students who juggle both college work and motherhood.

Logan is the mother of a four-year-old son, Dax. Logan says she is very grateful for the involvement of Dax's father and her mother who watch Dax while she is busy with schoolwork.

This is Logan's second semester back to JCJC after a 12-year absence, and she believes that completing her degree in computer programming is important for her betterment. She feels she is losing out on time with her son, but knows it will benefit them both in the future.

To Logan the hardest thing about being a mom and being in school is worrying if she spends enough time with her son and worrying if her grades will suffer if she puts off school work when she spends more time with him.

When it comes to finding time to study, she said, "I just make the time. If I'm not at work or at school, I'm studying. I study after my son goes to bed. I will study before classes; any free moment I have, I'm studying."

Kasey Logan helps her son, Dax, to develop early reading skills at the Early Childhood Lab. PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

Dax spends some of his time on the JCJC campus, in the child care lab school, which is part of the child care technology program that prepares JCJC students to work in the child care field such as for day cares. Logan likes the lab school, because she feels really good knowing if there is an emergency or something happens to her son, she is right across campus. She can get to him quickly, if needed.

Also, her son gets to do many crafts, and he gets to interact with kids his age. They keep the doors locked during the day and always keep her up to date with what is going on with her son. She said Dax is learning so much, he can already count to 10 and knows his colors and pretty much the whole alphabet.

"I would say to any mother who is hesitant

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'Ricks Rehab' proves that business can be pleasure

Teacher Feature

by Brandon Hussey

Teachers applying their skills and knowledge outside of the classroom is certainly not uncommon. However, having a business and accounting instructor apply his knowledge of finance to develop a small business is certainly recognizable.

JCJC instructor Rick Bedwell gives his take on being a teacher by day and an entrepreneur by night.

Bedwell worked in the automobile business for 17 years before deciding to pursue his education in accounting so he could better understand how to turn his passion for woodwork and restoration into a career. In the process, Bedwell found himself teaching at JCJC while simultaneously maintaining "Rick's Rehab," a furniture restoration company.

"I do restorations of antiques, build furniture

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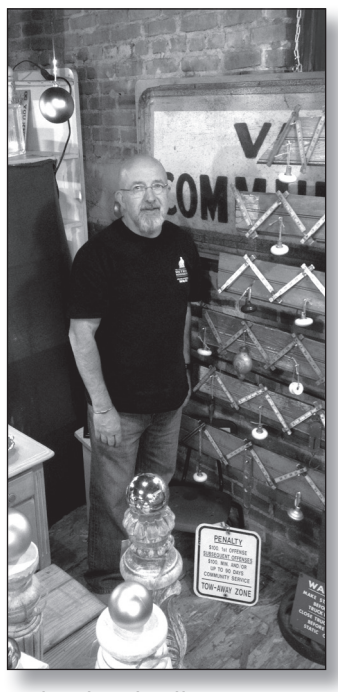

Richard Bedwell sets up shop at the Lucky Rabbit. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY RICHARD BEDWELL

International students share their experiences from home and talk about why they chose JCJC

KRISTEN FERACI
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Since it was founded, America has been known to many as the "land of opportunity." People have come to the United States to find safety, freedom, success and most importantly, education. Students from all over the world come to the United States, including JCJC, to pursue educational or scholarship opportunities that may not be available in their homeland.

Freshman Anastasiia Bukhanova came to JCJC from Nakhodka, Russia on a tennis scholarship.

"I play tennis and it's much more popular here than in Russia," Bukhanova said. "I came to Jones because my tennis coach in Russia has a son who went to Hinds and Belhaven. He knew the coach from Jones, and so he helped me get here. Russia doesn't have sports programs like America. School is just for classes."

Some differences Bukhanova has noticed are the food, the culture and education. The food in South Mississippi is very unhealthy compared to what she ate in Russia.

People's mentality and social norms are different; for example, Bukhanova noticed that people in the United States don't travel as freely as international people.

She also explained that people behave differently in Russia than they do in America.

"People in Russia are more honest; they don't try to seem nicer than they are." Bukhanova explained.

Bukhanova has noticed a huge difference between the educational systems of America and Russia.

"I never studied in college algebra and I had a 105 average. It's like 6 grade in Russia," said Bukhanova.

She is planning on attending an out-of-state university after she graduates from JCJC to decide if she will stay in the United States.

Kazeto Lokok, left and Anastasiaa Bukhanova, right, pose with thier country's flags and speak with students in Jones Hall about their culture. PHOTO BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

Sophomore Kazeto Lakok is from Sudan, Africa. He moved to Egypt at the age of six, and when he was 10, he and his family relocated to New Orleans. After hurricane Katrina, they traveled to Memphis, Tennessee. In 2015, he moved to Jones County and began attending classes at JCJC after being referred by a friend. Lakok also intends on going to an

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Anna Braisher kick starts National Nutrition Month

MARKELIA ROBERSON
STAFFWRITER

In honor of March being recognized as National Nutrition Month, it's a time to promote a healthier lifestyle. National Nutrition Month is a campaign that focuses on establishing better eating habits and developing a work out routine. Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day is also celebrated in March.

The campaign slogan "Put Your Best Fork Forward" simply means to make healthier, more thoughtful choices. Registered dietitian nutritionists are trying to promote healthier living, especially cutting out man-made trans fats that enter the body from various foods.

"There are naturally occurring trans fats and man-made trans fats," said Anna Braisher, JCJC nutrition instructor. Braisher, a registered dietician nutritionist, has worked at doctors' offices, nursing homes, hospitals and clinics. Assisting others with trying to live a healthier lifestyle is her passion.

Brashier explains the naturally occurring trans fats are found in milk/dairy items and beef. As a general

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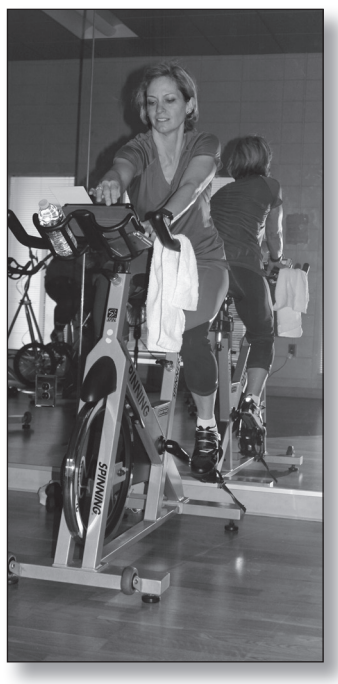


Anna Braisher teaches her spin class in the Fitness Center. PHOTO BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

LLT introduces version of 'The Crucible'

KRISTEN FERACI
STAFFWRITER

Laurel Little Theatre will present "The Crucible" March 30-April 2. Based on the play by Arthur Miller, this show was first on Broadway in 1953, where it won the Tony Award for best play.

Miller, winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, wrote "The Crucible" in 1952. It has recently returned to Broadway and received a Tony Award nomination for Best Revival of a play. Miller based "The Crucible" on the real events that happened in Salem, Massachusetts in the 1690's.

At a time when the Puritans were the majority in New England, witchcraft was a popular fear. "The Crucible" tells the story of a group of teenage girls who are found dancing and are then accused of witchcraft. At first, the girls deny the accusations, but then Tituba, the reverend's slave who was involved with the girls' dancing, admits to communicating with the devil. The girls are interrogated by the reverend, admit to being witches and accuse many others of also being witches, throwing the town into a panic. The court becomes involved, and many of the town's women are arrested. To determine whether or not the girls are being truthful, the witch trials take over the town of Salem.

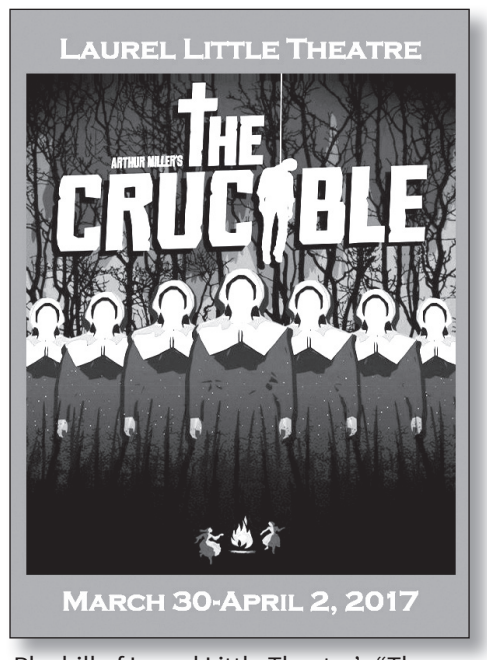
Sam Buchanan, who transferred from JCJC to the University of Southern Mississippi in 2008, is directing "The Crucible." He began working for the theatre 13 years ago, when he was 16, as a performer. After college, he returned to work as a director. Since then, he has directed eight shows at Laurel Little Theatre.

The set of the show is currently being built. During the time of "The Crucible," the United States was a wilderness. Buchanan wants to emphasize the forest and the fear in the show.

"There was a lot of fear at this time. The United States was thought of as 'the land of the devil,'" said Buchanan.

The role of Abigail, the leader of the group of girls, will be played by Logan Prince; Peyton Reedy will play Mary Warren and Jody Ridgeway will play Elizabeth Proctor.

The show-times are March 30-31 and April 1 at 7:30 p.m. and April 2 at 2 p.m. The reservation line opens on March 23 and can be reached at 601-428-0140. A full cast list, show times, and other information about the show can be found at laurellittletheatre.com.



Playbill of Laurel Little Theatre's "The Crucible." PHOTO BY BRITTANY THOMAS

'A Dog's Purpose' brings tears to the audience

KARLY JONES
STAFFWRITER

People cry for different reasons. Some people are more sensitive than others. However, almost anybody will cry while watching a family dog movie.

"A Dog's Purpose," directed by Lasse Hallstrom and based on the novel by W. Bruce Cameron, tells the story of a dog named Bailey who has a young owner named Ethan. Throughout the movie, Bailey, voiced by Josh Gad, tries to discover the purpose of his life. In the beginning, young Ethan, played by Bryce Gheisar, and his mother, played by Juliet Rylance, find the dog in a truck and rescue him. After the dog is accepted into the family, he is given the name Bailey and becomes Ethan's best friend.

Later in the movie, teenage Ethan, played by K.J. Apa, gets ready to leave for college. Once he's gone, Bailey is now an old dog and becomes very sick. Bailey passes and is reincarnated as another dog. He has the same soul and thoughts but in a different dog's body. However, Bailey does not have the same owner. After being reincarnated several times throughout the movie, Bailey longs to find his original owner, Ethan.

Kids and parents need to be prepared to grab some tissues on their way out of the theater because this one is a real tear-jerker. If that doesn't seem emotional enough, learning that animal abuse may have happened during the movie is even more saddening.

TMZ, a gossip entertainment news website, posted a video a couple days before the

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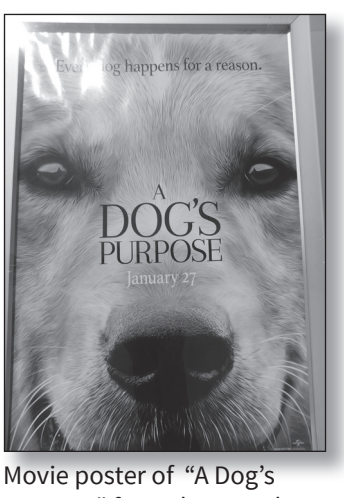

Movie poster of "A Dog's Purpose" from the Grand Theatre in Hattiesburg. PHOTO BY BRITTANY THOMAS

'The Xx' releases album 'I See You'

MUSIC MATTERS
by Alysa **Herrington**

English indie pop band The xx released their first album in five years, "I See You" on Jan. 13 through Young Turks.

Their album includes their singles "On Hold" and "Say Something Loving" which were released a few months before the initial album release. The singles have gained a wide range of popularity and shows how much the band has grown these past five years.

Album cover of 'I See You' from Pitchfork. PHOTO BY BRITTANY THOMAS

When comparing this album to their album from five years ago, "Coexist," one can tell that they have improved their style and have given it a deeper context. In this album, The xx experiment with different sample songs. In their single "On Hold," they take a catchy sample from a popular Hall and Oates song, "I Can't Go For That," which suggests that they are taking risks concert-wise, instead of just safely using guitar or drums.

This album, as a whole, is mostly centered around a deep, emotional indie style and gives off different emotions as the track progresses. When one is listening to the tracks, the emotions in their voices make a strong appearance. It has an intense vulnerability to it and shows the listener how the singers feel on the inside. Its simple lyrics and deep pop really dig deep and give a variety of emotions in the 30-minute album. They also avoid using gender pronouns. One of the singers, Madley Croft said, "This is so you can fit the album into your own life and yourself within it," which makes the lyrics more powerful and emotional. "We never set out to be a minimalist band, we just couldn't play our instruments very well," said Croft.

For a so called "minimal" band, they really pack a punch with their emotional lyrics and eerily inviting style throughout the album. They do not have to make it complicated to

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'Its Always Sunny in Philadelphia' returns to FX

MORGAN CLARK
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" returned to FX Network for a highly-anticipated twelfth season. New episodes release on Wednesdays at 10 p.m. Eastern Time.

The first episode of the twelfth season brought FX a great deal of success with it being the most-watched telecast in the outlet's last three-year premieres. It brought in 1.14 million views on the premiere night. Upon the release of the second episode, total views were up by six percent from the first episode.

Along with its success, the first episode addressed the recent issues of race and poverty. Though some may be offended to begin with, the moral of the episode is really worth watching.

JCJC freshman, Jennah Eddins, views the new season of 'It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia.' PHOTO BY BETHANY MORRIS

This show centers around a group of dysfunctional and morally-questionable friends that include Mac, played by Rob McElhenney; Dennis, played by Glenn Howerton; Charlie, played by Charlie Day; Dee, played by Kaitlin Olson; and Frank, played by Danny DeVito.

Mac and Dennis have an intense and consistent bromance throughout the entire series, and this aspect unsurprisingly continues over into season 12. Charlie is the janitor of the bar and is the wildcard of the gang. Dee is Dennis' sister who wants to include herself in their activities. Last but not least, is Frank, Dennis and Dee's small, slightly

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March Events

•Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat – March 3 at the MSU Riley Center in Meridian. Starts at 7 p.m. Tickets range from $12-20.

•40th Annual CoastCon – March 3-5 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center in Biloxi. Starts at noon on Friday. Weekend pass is $50, Friday and Sunday passes are $30.

•Crunk Witch / Empty Handed Painters / The Renders – March 8 at the Thirsty Hippo in Hattiesburg. Starts at 9 p.m. Tickets are $7 for 18+ only.

•Newsboys Love Riot Tour – March 9 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center in Biloxi. Starts at 7 p.m. Admission is $25.

•Live at Slowboat Brewery – Lee Bains III and the Glory Fires – March 10 at Slowboat Brewery in Downtown Laurel. Doors open at 6 p.m. and starts around 7:30 p.m. Free admission and pets are welcome.

•Gulf Wars XXVI – March 11-19 at Kings Arrow Ranch in Lumberton. Tickets range from $23-91 for individual days. $5 upcharge for non-SCA members. Proper garb required. More info at gulfwars.org

•Loretta Lynn – March 17-18 at the Beau Rivage Resort & Casino in Biloxi. Recurring daily at 8 p.m. Tickets start at $34.95.

•A Few Good Men – March 17-25 on Sundays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the Biloxi Little Theatre in Biloxi. Starts at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is $15 for students/seniors/military and $20 for adults.

•Local Natives – March 26 at The Lyric Oxford in Oxford. Doors open at 4 p.m. and show starts at 6 p.m. Tickets range from $23-25 with a $3 upcharge for anyone under 21.

'Resident Evil 7: Biohazard' instills fear

GAMER GUY
by William **Lowery**

As a franchise that has lasted for over 20 years, the "Resident Evil" series has seen its shake-ups throughout the series' history. The first game, released in 1996, introduced the concept of survival-horror, which meant that the focus wasn't on just combat, but also survival. 2005's "Resident Evil 4" successfully mixed scares with action, "Resident Evil 5" and "Resident Evil 6" disappointed people with its action-heavy spectacle that lacked tension. For "Resident Evil 7: Biohazard," developer and publisher Capcom has brought the series back to where it started with tremendous results, as the game currently holds an 85 percent on Metacritic and has sold over 2.5 million copies so far.

"Resident Evil 7" follows Ethan Winters, an everyman who has been investigating the disappearance of his wife Mia Winters for the past three years. He discovers a video message sent by her that leads him to an old plantation house in a rural area of Louisiana. The place is owned by the Baker family, a deranged group of individuals who capture Winters and hold him hostage. After breaking free, he sets out to find his wife and discover the truth of what happened to her.

'Resident Evil 7: Biohazard' poster from Game Stop in Laurel. PHOTO BY BRITTANY THOMAS

Although the story relies on many familiar narrative beats found in other horror films and games, where "Resident Evil 7" shines the most is in its tension-inducing atmosphere and memorable antagonists. The Bakers are lunatics whose actions call to mind the insane individuals of the "Texas Chainsaw" films, but as the game progresses, the player begins to question if their insanity is intentional, or the result of something else, given their regenerative abilities and other powers they have.

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JCJC Lady Bobcats are on the prowl

GE'RANDALL HORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

Jones County Junior College Lady Bobcats cannot be stopped. The Lady Bobcats started their season on the right foot by blowing out Southern Alabama.

With fire in their eyes and determination in their hearts, they kept that mentality rolling as they played their next four games, winning by at least 30 points, but their momentum came to a halt when they played their sixth game against Copiah-Lincoln, where they suffered a 11-point loss.

While many teams tend to lose hope after suffering a loss, that is not the same story for the Lady Bobcats. The lost they suffered on, Dec. 5, instead gave them unimaginable strength. They turned that stumbling block into a stepping stone. The Lady Bobcats went on a winning streak and trampled over all who stood in their way no matter who they were.

A perfect example of their newly-found dominance was the game on Jan. 30 against Meridian. The Lady Bobcats refused to give Meridian any slack. Though Meridian put up a good fight, they stood no chance against the Lady Bobcats. It started with Myyah West (22) winning the tip off, giving the edge to JCJC. They then lost control of the ball, but Alexis Tolefree (2) was able to steal it back and score the first point of the game. JCJC kept the lead the entire first quarter ending with a 13-point lead.

As the second quarter began, the Bobcats kept pushing as they increased their lead by 16 points by the half of the second quarter. By halftime, JCJC had a 30-point lead over Meridian. At this point, many of the Bobcats' fans had already predicted the trajectory of this game.

During the third quarter, Meridian began to really show off their skills by trying to close the gap between their scores, but it was not enough. They simply did not

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Sophomore Tatyana Lofton dribbles the ball down the court against Meridian. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

JCJC tennis teams gear up for new season

Men's and women's tennis teams. PHOTOS BY MAKAYLA PUCKETT

MAKAYLA PUCKETT
STAFF WRITER

Former JCJC tennis player and new head coach Brooks Buffington, along with the JCJC tennis teams, have some big shoes to fill. Last season both the men's and women's teams had winning seasons which ended at nationals.

"I expect to make it to nationals," said Buffington. "That was the expectation for the previous coaches and so I don't think they expect any less from me."

The tennis teams began their season Feb. 9 against rival Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

"Jones and Gulf Coast have always been rivals," said freshman Beth Owen. In addition to the long-standing rivalry, Wiggins is Owen's hometown which made the match even more important to her.

Buffington hopes to improve upon every match as the men's and women's teams both work toward their common goal of making it to nationals.

"Obviously we want to make it to nationals which means finishing in the top three in the state," said Buffington. "[We have a] good shot particularly on the girl's side and still have a good shot on the guy's side."

The young women's team, comprised of six freshmen and only two sophomores, have high expectations for the season.

"The girls' team has the potential to make it to nationals, but we will have to work hard and want it more than our opponents. The boys' team is very good this year and I think they have a very good chance of making it [to nationals] this year," said Owen.

The men's team has experience on their side with six out of the eight players being sophomores. The disadvantage of having so many returning players is having to make adjustments with a new practice format and coaching style. Buffington hopes to use his nine years of teaching experience to the teams' advantage as he focuses on improving each player.

Both Coach Buffington and the players expect to improve this season. "This season I expect for all of use to get better individually," said Owen. "Our goals are set high for the end of the season. As long as each of us try to win each day and focus on the little things, we will be able to reach our long term goals."

Buffington emphasized the point of making improvement a priority. "[Our goal is] to improve upon every match," said Buffington.

Although tennis is based highly off of individual performance, players still have to be able to work together.

"Doubles have to work together," said Buffington.

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Men's basketball bounces back

ZACH MCCLAIN
STAFF WRITER

To say what the Jones County Junior College men's basketball team has done this season is nothing short of amazing.

After reeling off one of the most impressive winning streaks in school history, the team would fall from grace when Southwest Community College handed them their first loss on Jan. 17. Not letting this one slip-up tarnish their season, the team bounced back with a 111-102 scoring frenzy win against Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College on Jan. 23.

After the tough-fought win against MGCCC, the Bobcats would return to their winning ways. With a record of 16 wins and only one loss, the Bobcats are poised in a fantastic position to make a run for the National Junior College Basketball Championship, like they did back in 2014. Looking back on that team that won the NJCAA national championship, this team has the definite tools to achieve what their predecessors did before them.

Led by sophomore guard David Davis, the leading scorer with 16.3 points per game, the Bobcats are averaging 97.3 points per game. The Bobcats are out scoring their opponents

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Leaders are made not born

GE'RANDALL HORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

Like all great people in the public's eye, there is always someone there to help them be what they are, but that person hardly gets any attention. A primary example is athletic trainers.

Athletic trainers (ATs) are highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals who collaborate with physicians to provide preventative services, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.

Jones County Junior College has athletic trainers on their campus, both certified trainers and student trainers. Student trainers participate in working with all sports teams on campus. One trainer in particular is Malik Sampson.

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Student athletic trainer Malik Sampson stretches Ky'yorris Craft. Sampson's job includes working "behind the scenes" with sports. PHOTO BY SAM HOUSTON

Sophomore Tristan Walley keeps the ball away from an East Central player. PHOTO BY DRE'ANNA GATES

The Pick Six

This month we will predict game winners from a few MLB, NHL and NBA games. Predicting will be Radionian staff members Brandon Hussey, Ge'Randall Horne, Katelyn Williamson, Sam Houston, Zach McClain and Morgan Clark.

NOVEMBER PREDICTIONS	Brandon Hussey	Ge'Randall Horne	Katelyn Williamson	Sam Houston	Zach McClain	Morgan Clark
Devils vs Bruins	Bruins	Bruins	Devils	Devils	Bruins	Bruins
Avalanche vs Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Avalanche	Avalanche
Braves vs Red Sox	Braves	Braves	Red Sox	Red Sox	Braves	Red Sox
Pirates vs Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Yankees	Pirates	Yankees
Heat vs Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Heat	Heat	Heat	Cavaliers	Heat
Bulls vs Clippers	Clippers	Clippers	Bulls	Bulls	Clippers	Bulls

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to those left with nothing.

Petal High School graduate and JCJC freshman Seth Greer lived about a half-mile away from the destroyed strip mall in Petal. His volunteering consisted of clean-up of the Robert E. Russell Sports Complex.

"The field is my second home. I've spent every season here, and to see anything there touched by the tornado affected me. Some bleachers were in the parking lot of the YMCA across the road."

Greer and teammates picked up debris that littered the complex. Greer said that his initial reaction of the Petal and Hattiesburg devastation was pure shock.

"This is my home town. These places were places I went to or passed by every day. One of my favorite restaurants, the place I pay my phone bill, the place I get my hair cut–gone. There's no more left."

One other campus organization that pitched in was the JCJC choir. The group of 84 students collected an abundant supply of personal care items and delivered them to William Carey University. Like other volunteers, the choir gained a personal award through their acts of charity.

"It warms my heart to see such a wonderful group of people come together in times of tragedy. I am honored to say I am part of the choir. I hope these items will bring a smile to the students of William Carey," said Carly Shoemake, choir member and JCJC sophomore.

Whether it was physically volunteering or donating supplies, faculty and staff, such as choir director Joel Dunlap, are very proud of the student body.

"I am exceedingly proud of how our choir and the rest of the student body recognized the immediate need for aid at WCU and other parts of Hattiesburg and Petal. The students understood the call for relief and answered with an overwhelming number of donations," said Dunlap. "The amount of damage sustained in Hattiesburg and Petal is truly unforgettable but not as unforgettable as the sense of fraternity and resilience that resulted from tragedy."

(Note: Student Alexis Melendez contributed to this story.)

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elected to is historically a Democratic seat, meaning that he was not predicted to win. Sanford credits his win to his experience of going door-to-door in order to gain supporters.

"I would leave [the office] everyday about 3 p.m. and go knock on doors," said Sanford. "I knocked on about 4,000 doors that year."

Sanford encouraged students to find out who their representatives and senators were and to contact them if they had opinions on any issues. He pointed out that this was important because it is better to hear concerns from the public before a law is passed rather than after.

Since being a representative is a part-time job–meeting from Jan. 1 to April 1–Sanford works as an attorney in Collins. Because of his position, however, he has to be constantly aware of the decisions he makes and the way he presents himself in public.

"I do have to be mindful of what I'm doing in public because people like to talk in small towns," said Sanford. "If you were to be caught doing something corrupt or immoral, because you are in the spotlight, it would probably go around Collins in two minutes."

Near the end of his speech, he handed out pie charts of the general fund revenues and appropriations for the fiscal year 2017 budget and discussed each category and how they were important to the state and its people.

Honors students asked him numerous questions about legislation, the state government and his personal life. Students were interested not only in Sanford's experiences but also his age during those experiences.

"He gave a great perspective on the legislative process," said Samantha Dean, a sophomore. "It was inspiring to hear the experience of a young adult attaining a highly influential political office. He also gave great insight into how the decisions we make now can impact our professional aspirations. I believe he demonstrated a great example of dedication to affective change."

The Honors College will host another speaker in March, but the date and time are yet to be announced.

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the example of Rosa Parks and how her staying seated on a bus when authorities told her she could not sit there was a bridge for change in equality for black and white people.

"How many of you will become a bridge?" said Howard.

She went on to say that when one writes his or her history, it should not be just about oneself, it should be about many people. She said we can make an impact with our lives. We can help individuals, our communities or go even larger and impact the nation or world.

At the end of the event, Howard took questions from the audience. These questions ranged from how to respond to people saying black lives do not matter to how to help kids who come from troubled homes.

The JCJC choral choir performed selections for the program under the direction of director Joel Dunlap, instructor Rochelle Dahmer gave the introduction, and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Samuel Jones gave the welcome and closing.

After the program, Dr. Jones sent an email to students and employees thanking them for the large turnout and reiterating the message that was shared. In the email, he stated, "I want you to be encouraged to continue to 'Write Your Own History' here at JCJC and know that you have faculty, staff and administration that is willing to provide you with the pages that you need to capture these moments. Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can be of service to you as you 'Write Your Own History.'"

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help students navigate through some common pitfalls that are experienced in college life in order to enhance their chances for success not only in the classroom but outside as well.

"Academic coaching is an interactive process that focuses on the personal relationship created between the student and the coach. The coach challenges the student to think about his or her personal and/or professional goals and how to relate them to his or her academic/educational goals," explains the The National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). This helps students become more confident, attentive and more well-rounded, while challenging the students in a way that does not overwhelm them.

Academic coaches are not tutors, and they do not provide tutoring or teach in specialized courses. Instead, they aid students in time-management skills, raising their GPA, and other personal goals that the student wants to meet. They also provide outlets and help connect students to tutors that can provide the proper amount of attention that the student needs.

Academic coaches aim to make contact with students four to five times per semester, whether it be in person, over email or even text messaging. This ensures students are aware of their expectations and are held to a higher standard. This guarantees that they receive enough attention to meet their short-term goals, while developing and practicing habits that will hopefully be maintained for the rest of their lives.

Amanda McLeod, director of the Student Success Center said, "The coaching program supports the strategic goals of the college. Short-term goals for the program aim to increase student retention, decrease student absences, and increase GPA while long term goals are persistence, increased graduation and transfer rates, and increased student self-efficacy."

This new initiative is still in the pilot stage and is very much experimental in nature, however, early reports seem to show that students are responding well, and students have expressed satisfaction as a result of the program. As the program continues to progress and improve, more students will inevitably enroll and more progress will be seen.

Any student can be self-referred or be referred by faculty by e-mailing counseling@jcjc.edu or by coming by the Student Success Center.

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attendance for Transfer Week, including William Carey, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, University of West Alabama, Blue Mountain, Alcorn, Southern Miss, Belhaven, Delta State, Mississippi College, University of South Alabama and the FBI.

"Transfer week gives students the chance to see what future opportunities lie ahead after leaving JCJC," said student Alexis Andrews. "Without this event, I wouldn't have been able to finalize my decision of attending USM after graduation."

To find out more about Transfer Week, contact Student Success Center Counselor Kisha Jones at kisha.jones@jcjc.edu

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Future phases could be upcoming soon once the first two are complete. Phase three will extend east on College Drive, past the Administration building. The final addition will extend south on Dan Memorial Drive. These future phases do not have a set timeline as of yet.

"I like the idea of the plaza," said Katelyn Stone, a sophomore at JCJC. "I think it will be a beautiful addition to campus, and I am ready to see what it looks like with the fountain and greenery installed. Although it's going to be very nice when it's complete, I do think I would have rather had the parking spots that the plaza destroyed."

"Although getting around all the equipment to go to class has been the most difficult, I think the plaza is going to be really pretty once it's finished," said Abrey Strong, a freshman at JCJC.

By the end of February, however, students will no longer have to reroute their way to class. Pedestrians should have a much easier and safer experience on campus.

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might end up staying on campus instead of commuting from home.

"I was at Mississippi State University looking at apartments to possibly live in, and a friend of mine who was already there showed me and another person around the university," said sophomore Blake Beach. "Among the things he showed me was the chemistry building, in addition to talking about the classes we would have there also. Taking a campus visit is something I would recommend to friends of mine to make sure that the college they choose is one that they would want to go to."

JCJC has set up several visits for this semester, including a visit to the University of Mississippi Medical Center March 3, and a visit to the University of Mississippi on April 6. Students must pay a fee of $20 and register in the Student Success Center in order to participate. Early sign-up is recommended due to limited spaces for commuting to and from the university. For additional questions concerning campus visits, contact Kisha Jones at 601-477-2307 or kisha.jones@jcjc.edu.

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people to want to know what is happening in their peers' lives. A lot of times, this curiosity is fulfilled without the knowledge of the person being investigated. In other words, people are getting into other people's business.

People nowadays are invested in the lives of the people around them, yet they fail to acknowledge the emotions and feelings of such people. They focus on the surface lives others live and disregard the underlying core of a person–the mind. People don't try to get to know each other anymore, and they blindly believe that what is on the surface of a person is always the truth. When people actually see that there is more to the story, they don't approach the other person to figure out what is going on, but instead try to find out themselves.

Being concerned about people is one thing, but when one starts putting too much time and effort into trying to figure out what is going on in someone else's life, the concern becomes unwanted nosiness. Some people may like the attention they get from "nosy" people, but as for myself, I prefer my business to stay my own.

I believe that the private lives of people should stay private unless those people decide to share it with others or their private lives are causing harm or potential harm to other people. If someone does not want to talk about something going on in his or her life, he or she should not be expected to nor have to worry about somebody else snooping around trying to find stuff out. I deserve to live my life, and so does everyone else, without any unnecessary nosiness from other people.

E-Books
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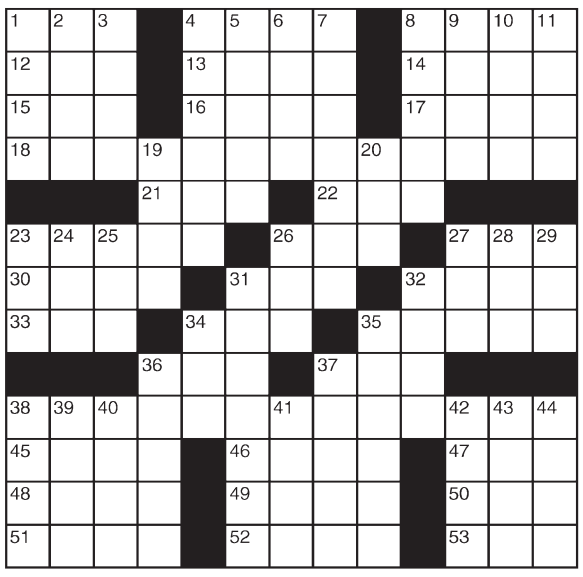
better. Those who highlight and make notes in their books may not be fans of online copies. The good news is that e-books have a built-in highlighter and notes option for students who want to highlight and make notes in their books. However, it is not the same as physically highlighting information. Even though the bookstore will give students a hard copy of an e-book, the book comes hole punched and not stapled, requiring students to keep it in a binder. That is a lot of loose pages to keep up with.

Even with having a binder to carry the pages, it would be a hassle to carry it around along with other books and school supplies. The pages also may have a watermark, which can prevent one from reading the pages effectively. The only good thing about buying textbooks from the bookstore is that one can sell textbooks back to the bookstore at the end of the semester. Students will not get all their money back, but they will have the unwanted books off their hands and get a small return. Selling textbooks back to the bookstore also helps the upcoming students, as used books are discounted.

Even if one prefers textbooks, one might grow to appreciate e-books. E-books are a cheaper and more efficient way of learning. Books will never be forgotten at home again. When studying for a test with an e-book, it can be read straight off the phone. E-books are ultimately the best option for a technologically geared era of college students.

GAMES

King Crossword



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1 Blonde shade
4 Unkempt one
8 Old portico
12 Adversary
13 Hemingway nickname
14 Freshwater fish
15 Every crumb
16 Courtroom call
17 Leak slowly
18 Couch potato's gizmo
21 Supporting
22 Feedbag morsel
23 Bad lighting?
26 Firmament
27 Explanation
30 At the home of
31 Feathery accessory
32 Oliver Twist's request
33 Heavy weight
34 Saute
35 River barrier
36 "No seats" sign
37 Stewie, to Lois
38 Reunion invitee, maybe
45 Teen's woe
46 Go fast
47 Corroded
48 Slay
49 Sea eagle
50 Not a lot
51 Not taken in by
52 Clarinet insert
53 Type units

DOWN
1 Off
2 Unrivaled
3 Steering wheel
4 Exact
5 Tier
6 Oil cartel
7 Rocket launcher
8 "Ivanhoe" author
9 Hammer wielder of myth
10 Anise-flavored liqueur
11 First victim
19 "The Wizard —"
20 Aye undoer
23 Performance
24 Pi follower
25 D.C. pol
26 Sauce source
27 Carpool-lane abbr.
28 Raw rock
29 Teensy
31 Faux-suntan cosmetic
32 Options list
34 Monk's address
35 Appeared ominously
36 Dictator's aide
37 Teatime treat
38 Pedestal part
39 PC picture
40 Fit of pee-vishness
41 Sped
42 Out of harm's way
43 Thing
44 Information

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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
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DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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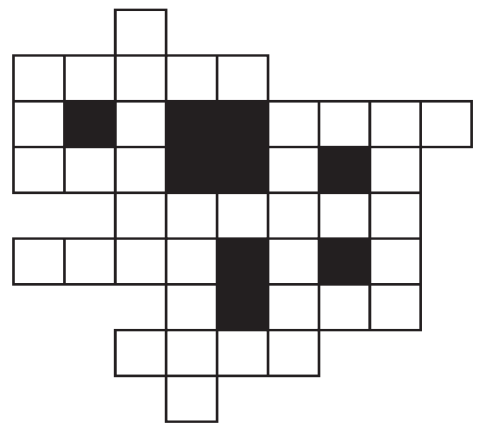

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥**RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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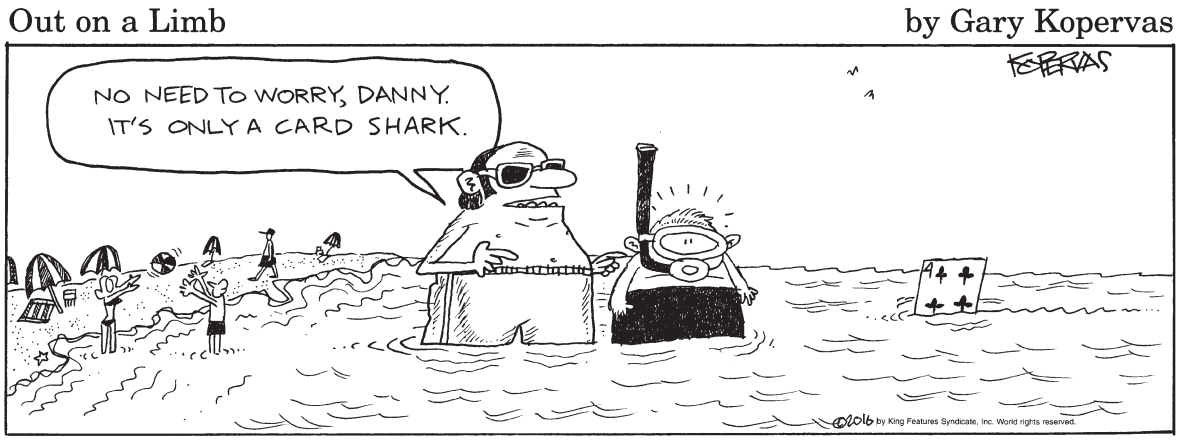
Trivia Test

1. LITERATURE: Who wrote essays about attempting to speak French, titled "Me Talk Pretty One Day"?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What political party did President Zachary Taylor represent when elected?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many time zones does China have?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient gives gin its distinctive taste?
5. MYTHOLOGY: The Minotaur and his labyrinth were said to be located on which Greek island?
6. ACRONYMS: What does ROM stand for?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: About how many eggs can a queen bee lay each day?
8. TELEVISION: What was the name of the family dog on "The Simpsons"?
9. What is the name of the dam that created Lake Mead?

GRIN and BEAR IT

"I think we know enough words to have that father-and-son talk now."

Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

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FLASH GORDON

BY JIM KEEFE 9-4
JUST AS DUROK IS ABOUT TO CRUSH FLASH, THE FLOOR SHIFTS, THEN BUCKLES UNDERNEATH THEM!
THE CITY'S FOUNDATION HAS BECOME UNSTABLE!
WE'VE GOT A POWER SURGE IN REACTOR TWO! CLEAR THE AREA! IT'S GOING TO BLO...
BRA-KOW!
MEANWHILE...
TEESHA, WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
MY LIEGE, DUROK'S RUN AMOK IN THE CONTROL ROOM!
AN ENERGY BEAM THAT SUPPORTS THE CITY HAS BEEN DESTROYED!
VULTAN, I'M THORNE, DUROK'S SECOND IN COMMAND. IF HE HAS TO BE STOPPED, THEN IT'S MY JOB TO BRING HIM IN.
JOODA, RELEASE HIM. WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!
TEESHA, FIND ZARKOV. HE DESIGNED THE ATOM RAYS THAT SUPPORT THE CITY, AND UNLESS HE CAN FIND A WAY TO REPAIR THEM...
THE CITY'S DOOMED!
NEXT: FIGHT TO THE FINISH!
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Answers

1. David Sedaris
2. Whig
3. One
4. Juniper berries
5. Crete
6. Read-Only Memory
7. 2,000
8. Santa's Little Helper
9. Hoover

Strange but true

– The largest single dormitory in the world is at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. With 4.8 miles of corridors and providing 33 acres of floor space, Bancroft Hall provides a home for the school's entire brigade of 4,000 midshipmen.

– In the 1990s a man in Iran, while trying to capture a snake, placed the butt of his shotgun against the snake's neck behind its head. In attempting to escape, the snake wrapped the length of its body around the gun, pulling the trigger in the process -- and killing its would-be captor.

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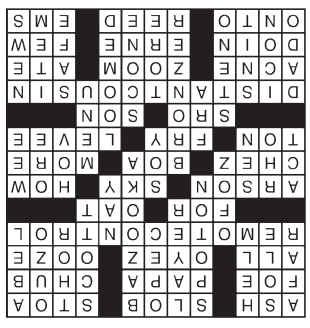

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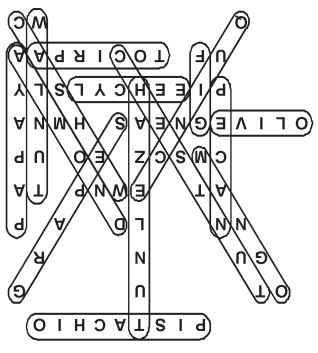

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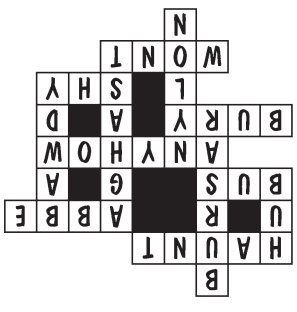

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1 in 5 college students admit to driving under influence

MARLA PARKER
OPINIONS EDITOR

There were more than 11,000 DUIs in Mississippi in 2015. This irresponsible choice ultimately causes unnecessary fatalities, but why do people decide to drink and drive?

USNews.com states 1 in 5 college students admitted to drunk driving. Locally, a few anonymous students said they drink and drive because they are embarrassed to tell someone they are intoxicated.

Other students said they did not have dependable friends to take care of them. Sometimes, while drunk, people are still able to reason. They know it is wrong to drive while drinking, but they fear the punishment they will receive outweighs admitting their mistakes. Teenagers want their parents to think highly of them, so they give the illusion that they are making wise choices.

In 2014, more than 1 million U.S. drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics (cdc.gov). It is illegal to drink and drive in Mississippi; if one chooses to do so, there will be serious consequences. The first offense can cause one to spend up to 48 hours in jail with a $500-$1000 fine and a 90-day license suspension. The second offense can result in five days to one year in jail, a fine of $600-$1500 and a two-year license suspension. The third offense increases jail time to 1-5 years with a $2000-$5000 fine and 1-5-year license suspension.

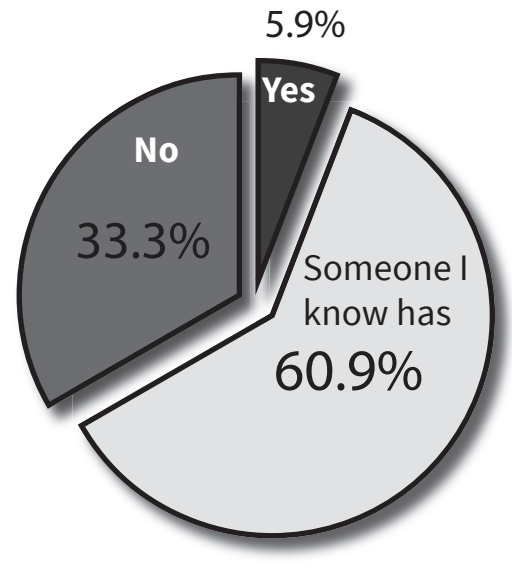
Drinking while driving is not only dangerous for the driver, but for everyone who is traveling nearby at that time, including pedestrians. Approximately 1700 college students die each year from alcohol-related incidents, including car crashes, according to West Virginia University. These drivers sometimes do not see a stop sign or may think a red light is green. The mind can be misleading while one is intoxicated.

Drunk drivers cause numerous tragic fatalities. One should consider his or her family members, close friends and siblings. Is it really worth putting their lives in danger?

College students should not drive while intoxicated; if jail time, license suspension and the possibility of a fatality isn't enough to scare someone, then the fines should. Unfortunately, the cliché is often true; college students are poor. At this time period in one's life, who has that amount of money to spare?

Students are encouraged to make wise decisions and stay safe.

Have you ever been arrested for a DUI?



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Laws vary by state regarding alcohol

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There are several alcohol-related laws students should be aware of, including penalties for breaking these laws.

In 1984, Congress enacted the National Minimum Drinking Age Act which remains in effect. According to the Department of Transportation Underage Drinking Guide, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that minimum age drinking laws have saved more than 18,000 lives since they were enacted. Some states make exceptions for when minors consume alcohol, for when they possess it, or even exceptions for parents wanting to provide alcohol to their children.

In Mississippi, the legal drinking age is 21, and an individual must also be 21 to work as a bartender or to handle alcohol in a liquor store. However, it is legal to work in a restaurant selling alcohol at age 18.

In Mississippi, both the driver and the passengers are actually permitted to drink, but the driver may not be intoxicated beyond the legal blood-alcohol content level of .08 percent. A driver is considered to be illegally under the influence of alcohol if his or her blood-alcohol content (BAC) level is more than .08 percent. If a driver's BAC is more than .08 percent, the driver can be arrested for DUI.

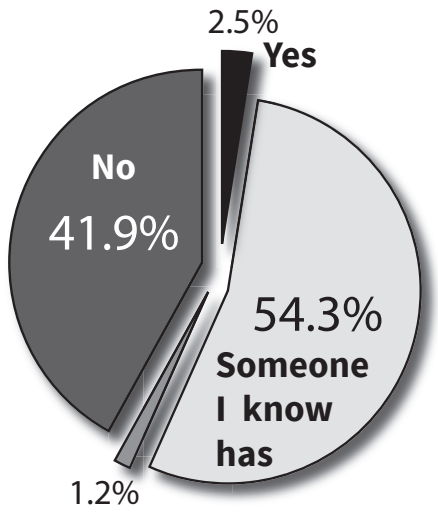
Mississippi does not have enhanced penalties for excessively high BAC levels, like some states. Failure to cooperate with an officer's request to breath, blood, or urine testing for alcohol content carries a penalty of mandatory suspension of driver's license from 90 days to a year.

In Mississippi, the first DUI conviction results in mandatory license suspension by the Department of Motor vehicles for 90 days; for the second offense, two years; for the third offense, five years. With the third DUI conviction, the courts have the option of temporarily or permanently confiscating the driver's vehicle.

DUI is considered a felony after the third conviction. For a second or third DUI, a person can pay fines ranging from $600-$5,000 and serve from five days to five years in jail.

(Info from alcohol laws.org and dui.drivinglaws.org)

Have you ever used a fake ID to purchase alcohol?



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April is Alcohol Awareness Month

A part of this month is **Alcohol-Free Weekend** which takes place on the first weekend of April.

All Americans are encouraged to go without alcohol for these 72 hours.

Anyone with difficulty or discomfort going without during this time is encouraged to seek help to learn more about alcholism and its symptoms.

Alcohol affects family members

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Alcohol is a substance that most people believe will only affect them if they are drinking it. However, alcohol is something that can affect everyone around the person, most often-times, their family. Parents, spouses and even children can experience the effects of alcohol on their loved ones.

"Alcohol abuse and alcoholism within a family is a problem that can destroy a marriage or drive a wedge between members," said american-addictioncenters.org. "Family therapy and rehab can help. That means people who drink can blow through the family budget, cause fights, ignore children and otherwise impair the health and happiness of the people they love."

American Addiction Centers continues by suggesting that out of all physical altercations between spouses, around 60-70 percent do, in fact, abuse alcohol. This, unfortunately, can lead family to become dependent on the addict of the family, making the problem worsen over time. If addicts have people relying on them, they think less of how their actions could affect their family because they feel secure in them not leaving or seeking out help.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence lists different signs and actions of an addict, like neglecting important duties. Alcohol impairs cognitive functions, causing one to forget or just not care about different life events, work or even education. Another sign includes that person constantly needing hangover-recovery-time. This issue can worsen more and more by one ingesting larger quantities of alcohol on every occasion. This state of an alcoholic can cause them to fall deeper into a sedentary and unhealthy lifestyle.

Not only can those side effects occur, but that person can also end up in trouble with the law

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Studies reveal health can be compromised multiple ways by drinking

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FEATURES EDITOR

Students usually grasp the concept that alcohol is abused when it comes to abiding by the drinking age or consuming it within its recommended limitations.

Most also know that when alcohol is consumed, the brain and liver are affected. This is common knowledge for most people between the ages of 19 and 24, but many of the other health aspects involving alcohol are not. Students in this age range make up the largest demographic associated with periodic heavy drinking, but hardly know more than basic essentials of what it can do to the brain and body.

Most rapid responses are caused by the changes that alcohol makes to the brain. For instance, fine and gross motor skills are controlled by the cerebellum, basal ganglia and cerebral cortex, and they do not take long to be affected. This is why drivers cannot operate a vehicle appropriately when they are under the influence, even in moderate consumption. Other areas of the brain that are impacted are the hypothalamus, medulla, frontal lobes and hippocampus.

Alcohol impairs each section differently, which can result in a host of different symptoms. Frequent urination, prolonged thirst, visual impairment, decreased heart rate, loss in balance, increased blood sugar and a drop in core body temperature are just a few of the many rapid responses that the human body has to the presence of alcohol.

In recent studies, it was found that alcohol consumption among college age groups is linked to 1,400 deaths and 500,000 unintentional injuries annually. In addition, nearly one half of fatal traffic crashes involving college students can be linked to alcohol consumption.

This is because just moderate alcohol use - two to three drinks - can result in the loss of fine motor skills for up to 18 hours after consumption, and it decreases the heart and lungs' ability to get oxygen to the muscles for as long as two days. (toosmarttostart.samhsa.gov)

In addition to the short-term changes, alcohol misuse has long-term consequences to organs like the pancreas, liver and stomach. Consumers are usually well aware that excessive, prolonged consumption can cause peptic ulcers in the stomach or liver failure, but they are less informed on the significant impact that alcohol can have on the pancreas and what functions are being destroyed.

First of all, alcohol consumption is the second leading cause of pancreatitis, which is a very dangerous inflammation. When a person drinks, regardless of the amount, he or she will produce fatty acids that are toxic to the pancreas.

Someone who drinks on a regular basis over the course of 10 years is more likely to see that organ lose its ability to regulate blood sugar levels and produce the enzymes the body needs for essential food digestion.

Although alcohol affects both men and women similarly in these areas, women have been shown to absorb alcohol into the bloodstream faster but metabolize it slower. Contraceptives also slow down the rate at which alcohol is eliminated from the body and premenstrual hormonal changes cause a more rapid increase in blood alcohol concentration. Due to the way women process alcohol, they are more likely to have cirrhosis and die from liver disease than men. (Brad21.org)

In closing, frequent alcohol consumption has other risks and is dependent on the prior health of the individual and how long he or she has consumed it. Remember that the changes alcohol makes to the body may linger for days, causing a temporary dip in athletic and academic performance.

However, students should be particularly cautious about frequent drinking, especially in the early to mid-20 age range because the brain has not fully developed, and the opportunity for more permanent damage is at its greatest.

Why do college students drink alcohol?

Note: These are results from an opinion poll conducted in JCJC English classes.

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out-of-state university after graduating from JCJC.

The educational systems were much different than what he was used to. Lakok describes the Arabic education as, "very strict and a lot harder," than American education.

"The transition to American culture was a lot harder for my family. I began to learn English after the first week of school," said Lakok.

"We came to the United States because my parents wanted me to have a better education and better opportunities," said Lakok. "I'm thankful for a better education and life."

Another foreign exchange student, Ashleigh Lewis, moved to the United States two years ago from London, England. When she first came to the U.S. she attended the University of Southern Mississippi, but was unsatisfied with playing soccer for USM, so she transferred to JCJC to play for the Lady Bobcats. She has plans of attending a university in the U.S. and has been accepted to the University of Indianapolis.

"My mom is really happy about free education," said Lewis.

She also noticed a difference in how freely people move in other countries compared to America. For example, Lewis has traveled to Jamaica four times, Scotland, Belgium, Germany, France, Holland, Spain, St. Vincent and the Dominican Republic.

Lewis noticed some differences in people's behavior after moving to America.

"People in America get offended by things that wouldn't be considered offensive in London," said Lewis.

She visits London for holidays and summer vacation, but has no current plans to move back. Her dream is to live in California.

Bedwell
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and lighting from repurposed items or junk that I find," said Bedwell. "I do custom builds and restorations for my clients. My favorite repurposing items are old architectural and industrial items."

In addition, Bedwell also extends his carpentry skills to create custom furniture and unique lamps that he provides to his clients. His passion for woodwork and furniture restoration is remarkably unique and not a market that many people occupy. Bedwell prides himself on his exceptional and interesting business model and thoroughly enjoys his work.

Bedwell has advice for students interested in starting their own businesses: "Do a lot of research about the services or merchandise you are selling," said Bedwell. "You must know the market that you are wanting to sell your product in, or it will not work. Be willing to change things quickly. Learn to be creative, not only in the production, but in the administrative things associated with your business and think outside the box!"

He certainly has a lot of expertise on the matter, and doing both complement each other very well. "I think it reinforces the things I talk about in class," said Bedwell. "Apart from the creative side of the business, it involves accounting, marketing, management, which are all concepts we discuss in my business classes."

"Rick's Rehab" furniture is manufactured in Petal and sold in The Lucky Rabbit in Hattiesburg and Antiques at the Loop in Mobile, Alabama. His business, which he pursues with his wife, is very inspirational and is a quality example of how teachers can expand on their expertise and apply it outside of the classroom.

Trump
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several photos of a not-so-large crowd, which caused a social uproar about the turn out.

I have heard talk from both sides of the parties, whether on social media or in person. The polarizing opinions of citizens continued throughout the inauguration. For example, the right wing extremist known as Richard Spencer was punched dead in the face during an interview by a passerby. "I am worried about going out to dinner on an average Tuesday because these people are roaming around," said Spencer. "I'm afraid this is going to become the meme to end all memes." This shows me that even peaceful protestors can become violent at any moment.

However, I have seen the left side march rather peacefully in the Women's March the day after Trump's inauguration. The march was for women's rights. Some also marched to support those that may be fearful of Trump's power since he discussed banning Muslims from our country on numerous occasions and spoke of preventing women from getting abortions. I believe women are demonstrating their freedom of speech in a great way, and hopefully this gives Trump an outlook on how people actually feel about his views. These are his people whether he likes it or not. He should listen to criticism rather than ranting about it on Twitter.

In my opinion, I believe the people should be allowed to use their freedom of speech as long as it doesn't condone violence. A person shouldn't tell others to "Suck it up, he's your president," because there was a time where they were in the same shoes as the Democrats with the Obama presidency. No matter what our views are, we shouldn't argue to the point that we are a divided nation. We as Americans need to stick together, no matter the differences.

Nutrition
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rule, people should eat low-fat meat and dairy items and cut back on saturated fat and cholesterol. What is of major concern is the amount of man-made trans fats in processed foods.

For the average college student, a budget seems familiar. Eating healthy can be expensive, but there are ways to make it cheaper such as sales and couponing.

"Get the local sales papers and watch for produce sales; this will usually follow what is in season. Currently strawberries are on sale," said Braisher.

Watching one's carb intake can seem unrealistic. However, there are several different formulas that are utilized in calculating the amount of calories required per day.

"One method utilizes the Harris-Benedict Equation; this equation uses height, weight, age, gender, and an activity factor in determining the average amount of calories a person would require per day," said Braisher.

It is not just about what people eat, but also about physical activity. Creating a healthier lifestyle requires exercising. Here at JCJC there is a free gym membership offered to both commuter and residential students.

There are several different ways to be active. JCJC offers spin classes Monday- Thursday, which are located in the room across from the Bobcat Fitness Center.

Monday and Wednesday classes start at 4:40 p.m. and are instructed by Jamie Williams. Tuesday and Thursday classes start at 3 p.m. and are instructed by Anna Braisher.

"Spin is an excellent cardiovascular exercise with low impact on the joints," said Braisher.

With the National Nutrition Month campaign, now is a great time to learn how to make healthier lifestyle choices.

Dog's
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premiere of "A Dog's Purpose" on Jan. 27 showing a German shepherd struggling to resist being forced into water. Different websites revealed that TMZ had manipulated the video to make it look like it was animal abuse.

According to "The Guardian," Dennis Quaid, who played adult Ethan, called the video "a sham."

"I was there. I never saw any abuse of any animal. If there had been, I would have walked," said Quaid. "My experience is that the animals were treated great. There was no animal abuse. That video that someone took and sold for money and held on to for a year and a half until right before the film's coming out does not tell the whole story. First of all, it's been edited and manipulated. I think it's a scam, to tell you the truth."

According to American Humane, who was responsible for animal safety on the set, no dogs were harmed in the making of the movie. An animal safety representative recognized that the dog should have been handled more gently, and its signs of stress should have been recognized earlier. The dog was taken to a warming area and no signs of stress were found. The dog later returned to filming unharmed. TMZ's misleading video showed all the actions at once; however, there was a break in between shooting.

Despite the controversy or perhaps due to it, Rotten Tomatoes gave "A Dog's Purpose" a score of 35 percent, saying it was "a blend of sugary sentiment and canine suffering," while Sandie Angulo Chen from Common Sense Media said, "The Bailey and Ethan bond is very sweet and meaningful."

Overall, this movie is one that will bring the family together and all shed tears of joy and sadness.

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The family is not the only fear to worry about, as there are other creatures to confront at the estate. Yet the real fear comes in the form of the house and its surrounding locations, whose claustrophobic rooms and hallways incite dread.

RE7's survival-based gameplay is a return to the series' roots, but the creators still manage to make it feel different from prior entries via the first-person perspective. This is a game where one cannot shoot everything in sight. It requires the player to think smart, which will ensure that Winters can live much longer. There are weapons to acquire, including a pistol, shotgun, assault rifle and a grenade launcher, but the general scarcity of ammunition means that each shot fired must count. Besides dealing with the evils of the Baker residence, there are a multitude of puzzles to solve in order to obtain story-related items, and many doors are locked until a particular key is found.

Keys and other items take up inventory space, which is not always readily available, but storage crates scattered around in safe rooms and other spots allow Winters to store away that which he no longer needs. Additionally, there are multiple collectibles to find, with rewards varying in quality. There are bobbleheads to locate and destroy, as well as VHS tapes that when played, put the gamer in control of the victim about to meet his/her demise at the hands of the Baker family. The best ones, however, are the antique coins, which can be put into special bird-cages to obtain a health upgrade, or a powerful magnum that is rare on bullets.

"Resident Evil 7: Biohazard" is both an excellent revival and a compelling experience in its own right. While the story is serviceable, where the title shines the most is in its immersive gameplay and visual design. The end result is a game fans of the series and newcomers will greatly appreciate.

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his or her education.

High school GPAs are more accurate in predicting first-year college grades than ACT scores. If a student had good grades throughout their education prior to entering college, they will most likely continue this trend throughout their college career. Having good grades requires hours of dedication and studying, therefore, taking a test one day does not show the full potential and commitment of a student.

A student could randomly predict the questions correctly without truly knowing the information. Some students are not good test takers. They can be intimidated when it comes to critical tests that could change the pool of colleges they can apply to. The pressure is just too much and can cause students to have test anxiety.

Grades are important, but a student's loyalty and commitment to clubs and other extracurricular activities should be taken into account as well. If a student maintains a 3.5 or higher GPA while juggling extracurricular activities and if there is record of the student being at every meeting or deeply involved in the functions of their clubs, they should be considered.

You cannot judge if a student has respect for authority, commitment or dependability by an ACT score. An ACT score does not represent academic achievements that are accomplished in school, but a high GPA shows academic excellence. Who is really the greater student? Is it the one with a 36 on the ACT but has a snide attitude and never shows up for work, or is it the one with a 19 on the ACT who is respectful and is deeply involved in community service and never missed a day of high school?

President
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over how to actually go about doing it. Some want to slow down the repeal effort until a replacement plan is unveiled. Trump is making some big promises that his insurance reform will cover more people and cost less money.

Lawmakers want to focus on lowering costs, not expanding coverage, which is one of the Democrats' main talking points. They are very wary of discussing how many people would be insured under their plan, aware that many Americans are concerned they'll lose their coverage under a would-be GOP overhaul. Instead, they are emphasizing more people will have access to more affordable policies.

"We're going to have insurance for everybody," Trump told The Washington Post. "There was a philosophy in some circles that if you can't pay for it, you don't get it. That's not going to happen with us."

In conclusion, Trump certainly has a lot of demands to meet and so do his followers. With each passing second, Trump and his followers are forced to answer for all of the complaints of the Democrat and even some Republican leaders.

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about coming back to school should because it will be worth it for your family, and I highly recommend the JCJC Early Childhood Lab School to watch after your child/children while you are in class," said Logan.

Raegan Seymore is the mother of four-year old-Abram, who also attends the Early Childhood Lab School. He is in his second semester and absolutely loves it.

"It is definitely stressful going to school, being a single parent and working full time, but somehow I make it work," said Seymore.

Seymore said that her advice to mothers who are trying to tackle college while raising children is to prioritize and utilize what is available to them.

"Always remember why you started and stay focused," said Seymore.

Students with children who may be interested in learning more about the Early Childhood Lab School can contact Leah Hinton at leah.hinton@jcjc.edu for further information. The Pre-Kindergarten Program is for ages 3 and 4 and is currently accepting registration for the Fall 2017 Semester.

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have a big impact on the listener; their simple voice range and lyrics do it properly on their own. "I See You" is truly an improvement from their last album.

The entire album has great ratings with sites such as Pitchfork and Metacritic giving them a score of 8.4 out of 10 from users. If the xx continues with what they are doing right now, they will become an even bigger and more influential band than they are now. The xx may possibly be the new face of the indie, dream pop genre of music in days to come.

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have what it took overtake the Bobcats. Though they did put up a good fight, getting within 25 points of JCJC, the Bobcats won the game 76-51. The points scored by the Lady Bobcats were by the following ladies: K.K. Tassin 19, Alexis Tolefree 18, Kira Bonner 13, Juliet Esadah 8, Myyah West 6, Kyle Felton 5, Zan Ratcliffe 4 and Tatyana Lofton 3.

The final score against Meridian was 76-51. The ladies have only lost one game this season, 68-79 to Co-Lin.

Alcohol
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fake ID can be convicted of a felony, fined up to $5,000 and face three years in jail, as stated in the Mississippi Department of Revenue alcohol laws.

Adults are another main source that college students have to alcohol. Younger adults and peers to underage students are usually the ones who most often provide alcohol, due to the narrower age gap. Collegebingedrinking.net states that close to 5,000 minors die each year from alcohol-related circumstances, which could be dramatically decreased if those of legal age did not provide alcohol to minors.

Parties, even though they do not occur as often, are a prime source of alcohol for underage drinkers. There is usually alcohol already at the party and no one there to ID anybody, therefore making it very easy to drink alcohol and get away with it without having to supply any money or effort towards it, according to Harvard's School of Public Health.

Regardless of how underage students obtain alcohol, it is a criminal offense. The consequences of underage drinking may be a fine, jailtime or even death, which can be prevented by being more attentive to how college students are obtaining alcohol.

Tennis
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"A key part of that is communication. They have to play together and get used to each other's tendencies."

Before the season started it was clear both teams have good chemistry both on and off the court.

"Pre-season we all got along very well. We were like a big family," said Owen. Even Buffington noticed the closeness of the players.

"They are a pretty tight knit group. It's easy for them to support each other while they are on the court playing," said Buffington. Coach Buffington also mentioned how the team is primarily self-motivated.

"We have a lot of good kids who want to compete, who want to win, and who want to compete for a state championship."

The next home games are March 3 against Northeast at noon and March 7 against Co-Lin at 2 p.m.

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Speed Dating

At least 50 students participated in speed dating Feb. 13 in the Union.

To make the timed introductions more fun, SGA added to the atmosphere a list of questions, candy, stickers, kiss tattoos and a playlist of dating songs, such as "When a Man Loves a Woman" and "My Girl." Alex Hinton (pictured at left, with Savana Mason) even brought a list of reasons to date him.

Middle photo, a group shot of participants at the end of the night. Above right, emcees Sabrina Sagers and Miles Ezell keep the festivities going. Above left and right, Paxton Holder and Sidnee Watkins show off the night's special t-shirts for sale that state: I flamingled at JC. Photos submitted

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disgusting and hysterical father. Frank usually provides the funds for their spontaneous goals.

Their antics and bad decisions lead them to extremely bizarre situations that usually end with them in trouble, sometimes even with the government. If the group isn't involved with their selfish and hilarious motives, they're spending time in their run-down bar that consists of one or two customers at a time, "Paddy's Pub."

The gang's sense of humor is simultaneously immoral, witty, illogical and offensive. Despite that, this comedy seems to make almost everyone crack a smile and feel kind of bad about it afterwards. However, that doesn't stop people from coming back for more.

The director and creator is McElhenney; McElhenney is also an executive producer along with Howerton, Day, Michael Rotenberg, Nick Frenkel, Tom Lofaro, Scott Marder and David Hornsby.

Rotten Tomatoes gave the comedy an impressive 100 percent score with an 81 percent in audience score.

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Sampson is from the small town of Vossburg. He was brought up in a two-parent household until the night of his junior high graduation. Unfortunately, his parents decided to split up the night of that graduation, but that did not stop his determination to be great in the world.

His mom later found out she had breast cancer, so he started to miss out on more social opportunities. Through her sickness she still encouraged him when it came to his education. With his mom behind him supporting him every step of the way, he graduated number five in his class with two shoe boxes of college letters and a scholarship to JCJC. He decided to pursue a major in athletic training.

"I love sports," he said, "but my body is not made for them, so I help those who are able to play sports perform at their maximum potential."

Sampson's job is to basically watch the certified athletic trainers from a closer view to learn what they do and how they do it. At times he get chances to do what they do like run an athlete's treatment if it is a minor injury. He even handles the filing of paperwork and stretching the players. Though this job may not seem like much, it is essential for the athletes the public has grown to love.

"I am just happy that I have always had someone there to encourage me to keep moving forward with life," said Sampson. "Even when I can't see how I'm going to make it through the day, my friends or family will always come around to push me to be the very best I can be."

Bounce
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by nearly 30 points a game; this is achieved by having a field goal percentage of nearly 50 percent. Also helping with taking down their challengers is their shooting percentage from the three -point line at 38.5 percent. These percentages rank highly among the other schools. Both the three point and field goal percentages are in the top 50 in the entire nation.

With only six games left in the regular season - three at home and the others away - the Bobcats need to win their remaining games if they want to have a high seed in the national tournament by March. All eyes will be on the rematch with SWCC. This game should please the fans and the players with heart-pounding excitement from the opening buzzer.

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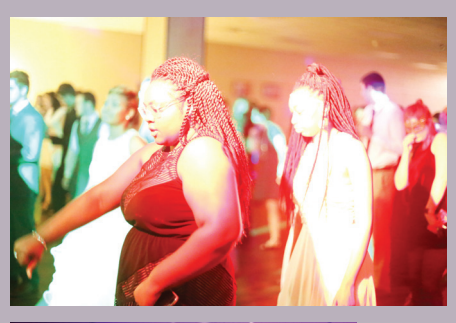

On Feb. 21, students dressed up for a Mardi Gras Ball. Above photo, Braelyn Smith and Mackenzie Moreau. Above right, Kiyah Hillman and Alexis Andrews. Pictured as Queen and King are Laura Armour and Christian Good.

Family
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for fighting, drinking and driving, public drunkenness or even domestic violence. Because alcohol is addictive, it can sometimes be difficult for the drinker to control or stop what they may be doing.

Al-Anon is an organization designed for the families of alcoholics, based off the 12-step program of Alcohol Anonymous. This organization focuses on helping the spouses of addicts as well as their children. They try to help the families understand that the addiction is not their fault and that dependence on that person only worsens the problem. For more information on Al-Anon, go to al-anon.org or call 888-425-2666.

If you are a Jones County Junior College student and need help, seek one of the counselors in the Student Success Center, located in the Terrell Tisdale Library. The office hours are Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Amanda McLeod can be reached at 601-477-4083 or at amanda.mcleod@jcjc.edu.

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